

**New Jersey Department of Health
New Ambulance Standards
Effective Date: July 1, 2015**

Dear providers;

The New Jersey Department of Health requires compliance, with the following, in order to protect public health and safety.

The following is to clarify recent changes to the Federal Specifications for Ambulances, administered by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) known as KKK-A-1822 that is incorporated by rule in the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) regulations (N.J.A.C. 8:40-6.11).

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the Ambulance Manufacturer's Division (AMD) of the National Truck Equipment Association (NTEA), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), and other entities have collaborated research and subject matter expertise to develop changes in ambulance design standards.

The goal is to create improvement in patient compartment safety.

The following are some relevant points of clarification and interest;

- **Only for new production ambulances contracted for, after July 1-2015, known as Change Notice #8;**
- The GSA has extended the KKK-A-1822F document until October of 2016. The GSA will continue to extend the life of the specification in one year increments as necessary;
- This notice requires compliance with SAE;
J3026 Ambulance Patient Compartment Seating Integrity and Occupant Restraint;
J3027 Ambulance Litter Integrity, Retention and Patient Restraint and;
J3043 Ambulance Equipment Mount Device or Systems;
- **There are no requirements for existing fleets or for units that are remounted.**

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) (www.nasemso.org) has an Agency and Vehicle Licensure (AVL) committee that is a very informational resource related to new ambulance design.